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Summer Work Crews Phase Two Reopening Strategy in Response to COVID-19

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Montanans have succeeded in limiting the spread and impacts of COVID-19 by working together and following guidance that has been provided. This has presented an opportunity to move to Phase 2 of the Reopening the Big Sky strategy. A directive issued by the governor on May 19 specifically allows for expansion of outdoor recreation and the lifting of travel quarantine orders. Please note the following requirements for Phase Two beginning Monday, June 1, 2020:

- Conduct health assessments of all employees at the beginning of each workday. Anyone with symptoms of illness must be sent home or isolated. COVID-19 symptoms can include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, body aches, sore throat, and chills.
- 2. Avoid gathering in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (6 feet between individuals).
- 3. Physical distancing must be maintained between groups.
- 4. Strongly encourage or require the use of cloth face masks.
- 5. Follow frequent sanitizing protocols.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has the following additional **guidance** to help protect workers from disease.

- 1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase Two operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operations and location.
- 2. While the travel quarantine has been lifted, it is protective to have individuals arriving from out of state to separate themselves to prevent illness or quarantine of your work force.
- 3. **Strongly encourage or require the use of cloth face masks** that fully cover the mouth and nose.
 - a. A cloth face covering will help contain any respiratory droplets from the wearer and protect other people from infection. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
 - b. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for physical distancing and good personal hygiene.
 - c. You can make cloth face coverings at home or purchase them. If you want to make your own face mask, links to reliable sources for patterns can be found on our web page. www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19
- 4. Support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.

- a. Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles.
- b. Provide hand-washing facilities with soap and water and single-use towels. If soap and water are not readily available, provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- c. Discourage handshaking and encourage the use of other noncontact methods of greeting.

5. Routinely clean and sanitize.

- a. Shared equipment must be cleaned and sanitized between users.
- b. Use the cleaning agents that you usually use in these areas, and follow the directions on the labels.
- c. A list of sanitizers effective for COVID-19 is located on the EPA Web Site: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for helping to protect our community from COVID-19.

If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your medical provider.

For a link to this document and other local information: www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19